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SUBJECT: GEOSYNCHRONOUS ORBIT AND TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY

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1. EMBASSY POLOFF DELIVERED AIDE MEMOIRE DECEMBER 27TH
TO UNDERSECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES
JOAQUIN FONSECA CONCERNING SUBJECT, DRAWING ON POINTS IN PARA 2
REFTEL. FONSECA SAID HE APPRECIATED US VIEW THAT TECHNICAL NATURE
OF UPCOMING WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE (WARC)
MIGHT MAKE IT AN UNSUITABLE PLACE TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF NATIONAL
SOVEREIGNTY OVER GEOSYNCHRONOUS ORBIT.

2. NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID, COLOMBIA INTENDED TO USE ALL
APPROPRIATE FORA TO PUBLICIZE ITS POSITION, INCLUDING THE WARC
HE HAD BEEN APOINTED A MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION IN ORDER TO
DISCUSS THE POLITICAL QUESTION, WHICH HE CLAIMED WOULD BE DONE
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IN A MOST CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY MANNER. ACCORDING TO FONSECA,
THE INTERESTED EQUATORIAL COUNTRIES WILL HOLD A STRATEGY
MEETING PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE.

3. FONSECA WAS EVASIVE WHEN ASKED WHETHER COLOMBIA WOULD
REQUEST THE WARC TO TAKE A POSITION ON THE SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE.

HE STATED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO HAD NOT YET IMPARTED FINAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DELEGATION. HE INDICATED HE WOULD LET US KNOW OF ANY IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR GENEVA APPROXIMATELY JANUARY 6.

4. COMMENT: FONSECA, WHO IS THE PRINCIPLE ARCHITECT OF COLOMBIAN CONCEPTS OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY OVER GEOSYNCHRONOUS ORBIT, WAS OBVIOUSLY DELIGHTED ABOUT THE ATTENTION THE USG IS GIVING THE ISSUE. COLOMBIA BELIEVES THAT X CHANGE IN THE RULES OF THE GAME CONCERNING SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE A LONG DRAWN OUT PROCESS AT BEST, AND THEREFORE IT IS BETTER TO START A DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. OUR EXPERIENCE WITH FONSECA IS THAT HE CAN BE DEPENDED ON TO KEEP THE DISCUSSION FRIENDLY AND WITHOUT RANCOR. SANCHEZ UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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